

Throughout his career in the military and in academia, Lieutenant White received a number of awards and honors. He was awarded two Air Force Commendation Medals and one Air Force Achievement Medal. Lieutenant White was named the Third Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Noncommissioned Officer of the Year in 1997 and the Third Equipment Maintenance Squadron Noncommissioned Officer of the 4th quarter in 1997. While fulfilling his military duties, Lieutenant White also excelled in his studies, making the President's list at Wayland Baptist University in 1996.

In addition to excelling in the Air Force and working toward a top notch education, Lieutenant White was busy fulfilling many military assignments overseas, such as completing a remote tour of Keflavik, Iceland from 1991 to 1992. Additionally, he spent over 9 years overseas in different countries, including Thailand, Iceland, Singapore, Japan, Norway, and Saudi Arabia. Lieutenant White also found time amidst his many responsibilities to volunteer to be a Big Brother while in Alaska. In fact, he received the Big Brother, Big Sister of the Year Award in 1997. Currently, Lieutenant White takes time out of his busy schedule to coach bowling for participants in the Special Olympics.

Lieutenant White has served his community and his country with great distinction. I am honored to pay tribute to his achievements and to recognize his efforts to build a better, stronger America.

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HONORING THE LIBERTY SCIENCE  
CENTER

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I bring to your attention one of the premier science museums in the nation, the Liberty Science Center (LSC) in Jersey City, New Jersey.

The LSC has a unique mission to serve as an innovative, "hands-on" learning resource for the lifelong exploration of nature, humanity and technology. Its mission is to promote informed stewardship and lifelong interactive learning of the world for all ages. The staff members have extensive backgrounds in science and technology education. They work closely with regional school districts and educators in order to fulfill their goal of bringing the enjoyment of scientific discovery to children.

The LSC has recently initiated a unique, visionary "Partnership Program" with 28 at-risk school districts in New Jersey. This program provides students with a challenging inquiry-based learning experience aligned with New Jersey State Core Curriculum Standards, as well as teacher training and opportunities that encourage the whole family to get involved in the education process. Since the Partnership's inception during the 1998-1999 school year, student participation has increased from 45,000 to 160,000. The New Jersey State Legislature has already appropriated \$6 million to support expansion of the Partnership Program making the Science Center and the

State of New Jersey a model for other partnerships between public school systems and private institutions everywhere in the United States.

The LSC aims to complete a major infrastructure expansion project by the year 2005, so that even more at-risk students and families can reap the benefits of hands-on scientific learning. The museum seeks to emerge as a landmark destination in the region offering experiences that significantly advance the reach and impact of a complete science education both onsite, offsite and online. With this proposed expansion, LSC intends to provide an indispensable public service and remain broadly involved in the growth of Jersey City's diverse urban neighborhood as it begins a renaissance.

I would like to call upon my distinguished colleagues to join with me in the next session of Congress to make the expansion of the LSC a priority on our legislative agendas.

Our most precious resource is our children. Providing them with exciting educational opportunities to expand their horizons should always be a top priority of our nation's leaders, and I hope to continue this important work with my colleagues in the 107th Congress.

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HONORING TOM CAMERLO

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to recognize an outstanding citizen, Tom Camerlo of Florence, CO. Tom has recently been named an inductee into the Colorado Agricultural Hall of Fame. It has been Tom's devoted leadership to the dairy farming community that has helped him to earn this distinguished honor. At this time I would like to pay tribute to Tom for his many personal accomplishments and numerous contributions to his community and profession.

Tom attended Florence High School before enrolling at Colorado State University where he began a course of study that would prepare him for what has become a truly impressive career. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in General Agriculture and has used this knowledge to help benefit dairy farmers all over the country. Along with his education at Colorado State University, Tom also used his leadership as a Captain in the U.S. Army to benefit his community and State.

Tom has used his natural ability to lead along with his knowledge of agriculture to help further such organizations as the Mountain Empire Dairymen's Association, the United Dairy Industry Association, and the Dairy Promotion Federation Association, all in which he served in the capacity of president. Tom is also a current board and executive committee member of the National Milk Producers Federation and serves as president of the National Milk Producer's Federation, a position he has held for over a decade.

Tom's remarkable dedication to the farming industry has also earned him a number of different awards. The awards include Livestock Leader's Award from Colorado State Univer-

sity, the National Cooperative Statesmanship Award from the American Institute of Cooperation and he has been named Colorado Livestock Producer of the Year. Among his greatest accomplishments have been being appointed to the Colorado Agricultural Development Committee and the Presidential Advisory Committee on Trade Policy and Negotiations.

Tom, for the past six years, has been an active member of the Board of Directors for First National Bank of Florence, serving as Chairman for four years. He has also been an active member of School Board RE-2J for almost a decade and has served as president for four years. In addition to these impressive roles in his community he is also part of the Florence Elks Lodge, Lions Club, VFW, Chamber of Commerce and St. Benedict's Catholic Church.

Tom has worked very hard to help the farming community and his many accomplishments are widely admired in the dairy farming industry. He has earned the respect of this body and on behalf of the State of Colorado and the U.S. Congress I would like to congratulate Tom on this distinguished honor. I wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

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SANTA CLARA COUNTY MAKES  
HISTORY BY PROVIDING HEALTH  
COVERAGE FOR ALL CHILDREN

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, Santa Clara County in California has just made history by approving a plan to provide health coverage for all of the estimated 70,000 uninsured children in the county. Unwilling to wait for national and state officials to respond to the problem, the county has obtained funding from a variety of diverse sources to ensure that children receive the health care coverage they need, starting January 2, 2001.

The county will streamline application forms, aggressively conduct outreach, and enroll the approximately 50,000 children who qualify for state and federally funded programs. For the other 20,000 children who don't qualify for existing government assistance, the county will pay the majority of their health insurance premiums.

Not only will Santa Clara County's children be guaranteed health coverage, but also they will be guaranteed comprehensive coverage. Currently, children can obtain access to health care through Medicaid, State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), and the private sector. Often, the health coverage varies widely. Under Santa Clara County's program though, all children up to the age 19 will be guaranteed comprehensive coverage of a range of services, including vision, dental, and medical care.

I want to commend Santa Clara County for being the first in the nation to set its sights on covering all children with health insurance. The county has proactively found a solution to our nation's pressing problem of the uninsured and has built partnerships with diverse groups to achieve coverage for all children.